(b) whether any provision exists to make good the compensation from the concerned factories and if so, whether such provisions are implemented effectively and the amount of compensation realised from Kerala based factories so far, with details; and

(c) whether Government consider to initiate action against those factories which purposely violate the provisions of river pollution and create severe environmental problems; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As on 15.3.2005 a total of 36 grossly polluting (effluent having Biological Oxygen Demand of 100 kg per day or more) industries have been identified in Kerala. Out of 36 industries, four are closed and the remaining 32 industries are operating satisfactorily with their effluent treatment plants.

(b) The Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991, provides relief to the person (other than a workman as defined in Workman's Compensation Act, 1923) affected by accident while handling hazardous substances and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. In one incident, the district Collector, Ernakulam had ordered payment of compensation to fishermen affected by a fish kill that occurred in Periyar river in the year June 1998 due to discharge of untreated effluent from FACT-Petro Chemical Division, Ernakulam. But the same was challenged in the High Court of Kerala and so far no compensation is known to have been paid.

(c) A number of actions have been initiated by State Pollution Control Board against those factories which cause pollution such as denial/revoking of consents, issue of closure orders, issue of directions for disconnecting supply of water and electricity.

Sand Mining in Coastal Areas

4704. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the intrusion of Tsunami waves was bigger scale in the coastal areas in Alleppy district where sand mining was permitted;

(b) if so, whether Government consider appropriate measures rgulating sand mining in the coastal areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Committee for central pollution control guidelines

4705. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Committee has been formed to bring changes in CPC guidelines;

(b) if so, the composition of the Committee; and

(c) what are its recommendations and by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment & Forests has notified general and source specific standards for various industries to control pollution. The standards and norms are periodically reviewed from time to time with technological development in consultation with the existing Peer/Core Groups and other committees already constituted in the Central Pollution Control Board and the Ministry. The recommendations of such Groups and Committees are assessed in the Ministry and appropriate action taken, wherever necessary, for their implementation through Central and State Pollution Control Boards.

Compensation to affected families of Bhopal Gas Tragedy

4706. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that still there are many affected families of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy who have not been compensated adequately;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide relief to these families?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Claim cases have been filed by individual claimants and not by families. In all, 10,29,516 claims were filed under various categories and all the cases have been decided. 5,73,018 claims have been settled and claimants have been awarded a total compensation of Rs. 1542.31 crore. 4,56,498 cases have been rejected. As per orders of